

## PLANS ALMOST COMPLETE.

DELAY OF REPORT ON STANDS FOR DEWEY CELEBRATION CAUSES COMMENT.

A thing that has aroused some unfavorable comment in connection with the Dewey reception preparations is the long delayed report from the Committee on Stands. According to his report John P. Kane, the chairman of the committee, intends to erect stands to accommodate about twenty-five thousand persons. The amount of money appropriated for the stands is \$30,000, and the consensus of opinion is that it should not cost \$120 each to accommodate those fortunate enough to obtain places on the stands. At the time of the Grant memorial parade the trees stands erected were roughly estimated to have cost \$15,000 for each ten thousand persons accommodated. These stands were all erected under the supervision of the Building Department.

The specifications of the contract made for the fireworks displays provide for exhibitions at Grant's Tomb and at Ward's Island. Those exhibitions which will be simultaneous will last about twenty minutes, and then the two presents will move down the North and East rivers, letting off bombs and shells and exploding red fire. There will be twenty hired lighters in the parade, and red fire will be furnished to as many tugs as care to take part in the proceedings.

The two lines will meet at the Battery, where a finale will be given on land. There will also be displays at the Plaza of Mount Morris Park, at Union Square, in the City Hall Park and at the Southern Boulevard and the Concourse in the Bronx, at the Brooklyn City Hall at the entrance to Prospect Park, in front of the Courthouse in Long Island City and on Barron Hill on Staten Island. Each display will end with a portrait of Dewey, encircled by the motto "Well Done, Dewey."

## OFFER OF CHILDREN ACCEPTED.

It has been decided to admit the music by members of the different singing societies. When the reception to Dewey was first talked of recently all the singing societies volunteered their services. Frank W. Sanger of the Metropolitan Opera House was appointed a special committee to arrange with the societies and he wrote a circular letter inviting them to appoint a time for conference. The reply did not arrive with sufficient promptitude, and Mr. Sanger has reported to the Committee on Music that it would be advisable to abandon the project and accept the offer made by School Commissioner O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien offered to furnish twenty-five hundred public school children to occupy the seats or a platform, as might be decided by the committee. The committee decided to accept Mr. O'Brien's scheme, and authorized Mr. Sanger to engage one hundred and fifty adult voices to lead the children. Frank D'Amico, the musical director to the public schools, will see that the children selected are properly drilled. A platform opposite the main platform in the City Hall will be built for the accommodation of the children.

It has been erroneously stated that Mayor Van Wyck and the committee of the Reception Committee will visit the Olympics to greet Admiral Dewey as soon as he arrives on September 28. The present plans of the reception contemplate that the most formal welcome from the city shall be given on Friday morning. It is possible that Mayor Van Wyck will see Admiral Dewey on Thursday, but if he does it will be when the Admiral visits the Dolphin to pay his respects to President McKinley.

When a committee from the Reception Committee came to Long Branch some days ago, it was agreed that to attend the Dewey celebration ceremonies. Mr. McKinley said he would go to do so. In conversation with President Guggenheim of the Council, Mr. McKinley said that he hoped to be able to visit New York on the 28th on his return from Europe, accompanied by President Roosevelt and Major-General West. The present plan is to call on Admiral Dewey at his home and pay his respects to the Commandant of the United States Army and Navy. Mr. McKinley promised to advise the Dewey Reception Committee before September 15 of his decision.

## TO BUT KILLARNEY'S LAKES.

SIR THOMAS LIPSON'S OFFER FOR THE FAMOUS PROPERTY BEING CONSIDERED BY ITS OWNERS.

London, Sept. 7.—The Directors of the Standard & Insurance Company have received Sir Thomas Lipson's offer for the Lakes of Killarney. A meeting has been called to consider the matter.

The officials of the company say Sir Thomas Lipson is the only person who has ever seriously negotiated for the purchase of the lakes.

Sir Thomas Lipson was quoted yesterday as his steam yacht Erin, when asked if the report was correct, as saying:

"Yes, I offer £1,000,000 for the estate, including the subscription list. The committee offered £800,000 to the purpose, but I believe it will be accepted."

He added that he had no objection to the sale of the property by subscription.

Edmund Langton and Herman Bulder, who were present at the meeting, guaranteed \$100,000 against the offer.

Mr. Little, of the Grand Army of the Republic, reported that while in Philadelphia he saw a stand built with shields so dressed and arranged that they spelled a gigantic "G. A. R." He suggested that a like arrangement be made for the National Guard and Central Park. What would be the cost of installing "Dewey," Mr. Little said the total cost will be less than \$30,000. He was a contractor who would erect a stand cost at 50 cents a yard. The committee rejected Mr. Little's scheme, a good one, and agreed to \$250 toward it. They will try and get a stand for the purpose, but they expect that the cost will be more.

I am very anxious that this charming piece of nature should be preserved in Ireland, and I hope that it will be allowed to remain there, rather than to allow it to fall into the hands of foreigners."

## GEN. TRACY SPEAKS FOR VENEZUELA.

INTERNATIONAL RULES RELATING TO RIGHTS OF DISCOVERY DISCUSSED.

Paris, Sept. 7.—General Benjamin F. Tracy, before the Anglo-Venezuelan Boundary Arbitration Commission, took up his argument in behalf of the Venezuelan side. During the greater part of the day to a discussion of the international rules relating to the rights of discovery. He asserted that Spain had asserted all the rights, and that the Orinoco and Amazon increased its ancient provinces of Spain. The Commission adjourned until Monday.

## FIREMEN ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE.

LETTER FOR \$100 CIRCULATED.

The following letter was sent yesterday from Dr. Stevenson and addressed to Chief Clerk, State Commission of Trade, the head of the New York Bureau:

During the past of this month this city was visited by the managers of the various departments of the U.S. Government, and the achievements of the U.S. Government were highly commended. The committee would like to add their hearty endorsement of our countrymen's contributions.

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